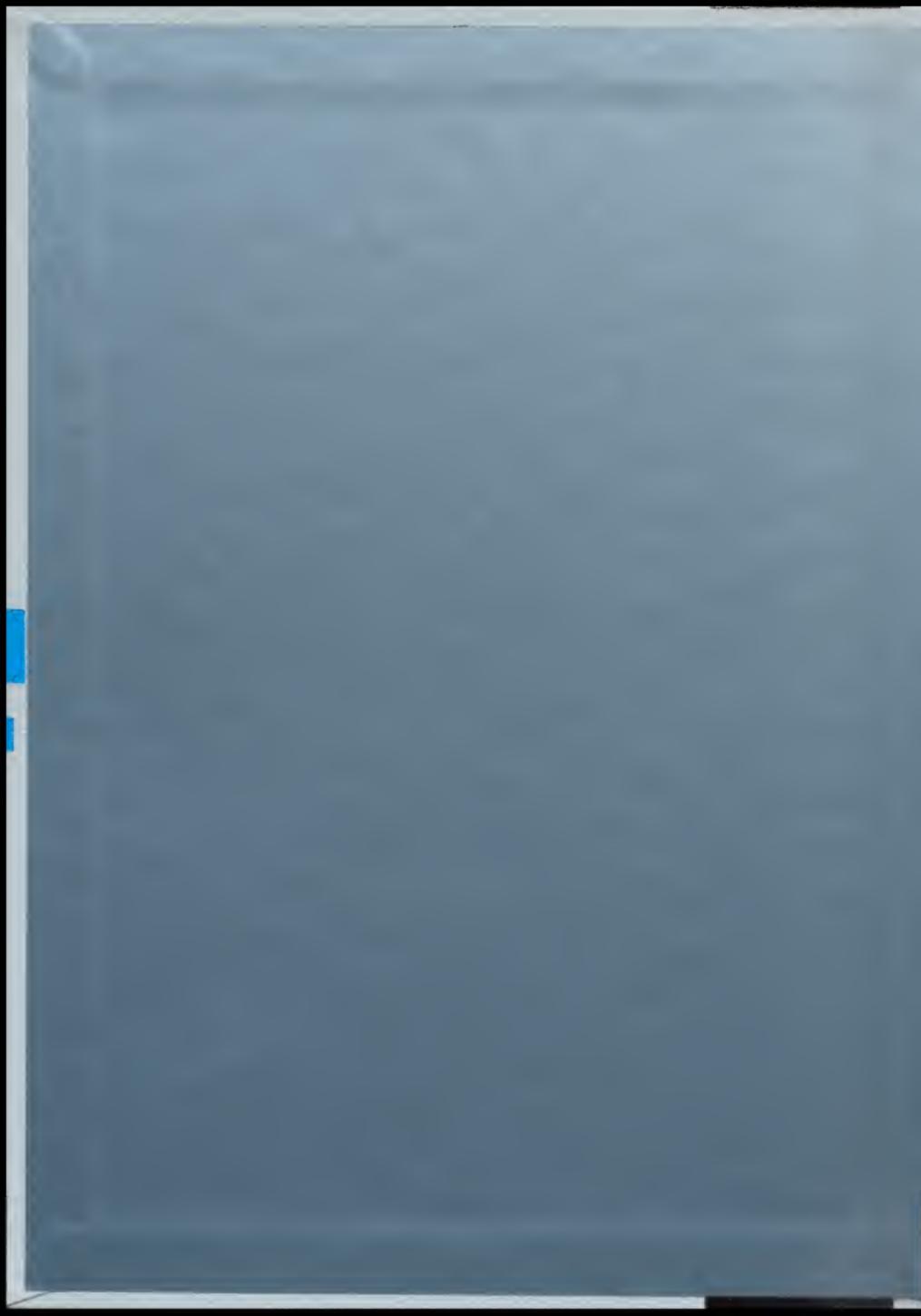




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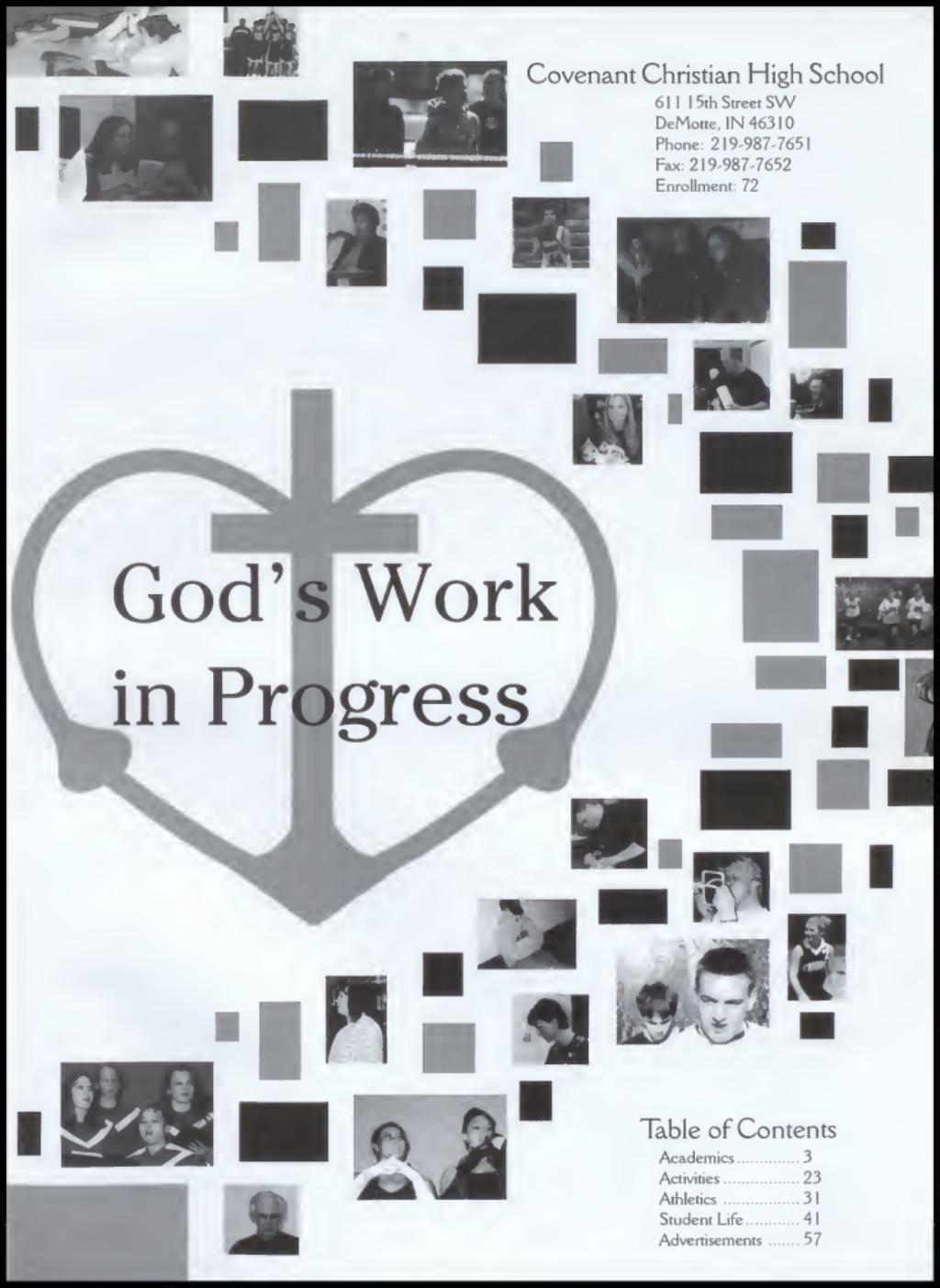
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The theme for this year's Alliance was chosen early in the year, and our appreciation for it deepened as the year progressed. Covenant students worked through two plays, several sports seasons and many hours of class together. However, there were many other challenges we faced as well.

Jeremiah Davis and Adam Van Der Molen both experienced serious illnesses yet were able to return to school. Renee Bleth also struggled with a serious illness but was not able to return to classes for the second semester. Erica Nannenga experienced serious injuries following a car accident. The student body as a whole suffered along with these individuals, and we rejoiced when healing came and when lives were spared.

In these and so many other ways throughout the school year, we were reminded of God's covenant faithfulness to these students and faculty and to the homes and churches they represent. As you page through these memories, marvel once again at how we are, indeed,

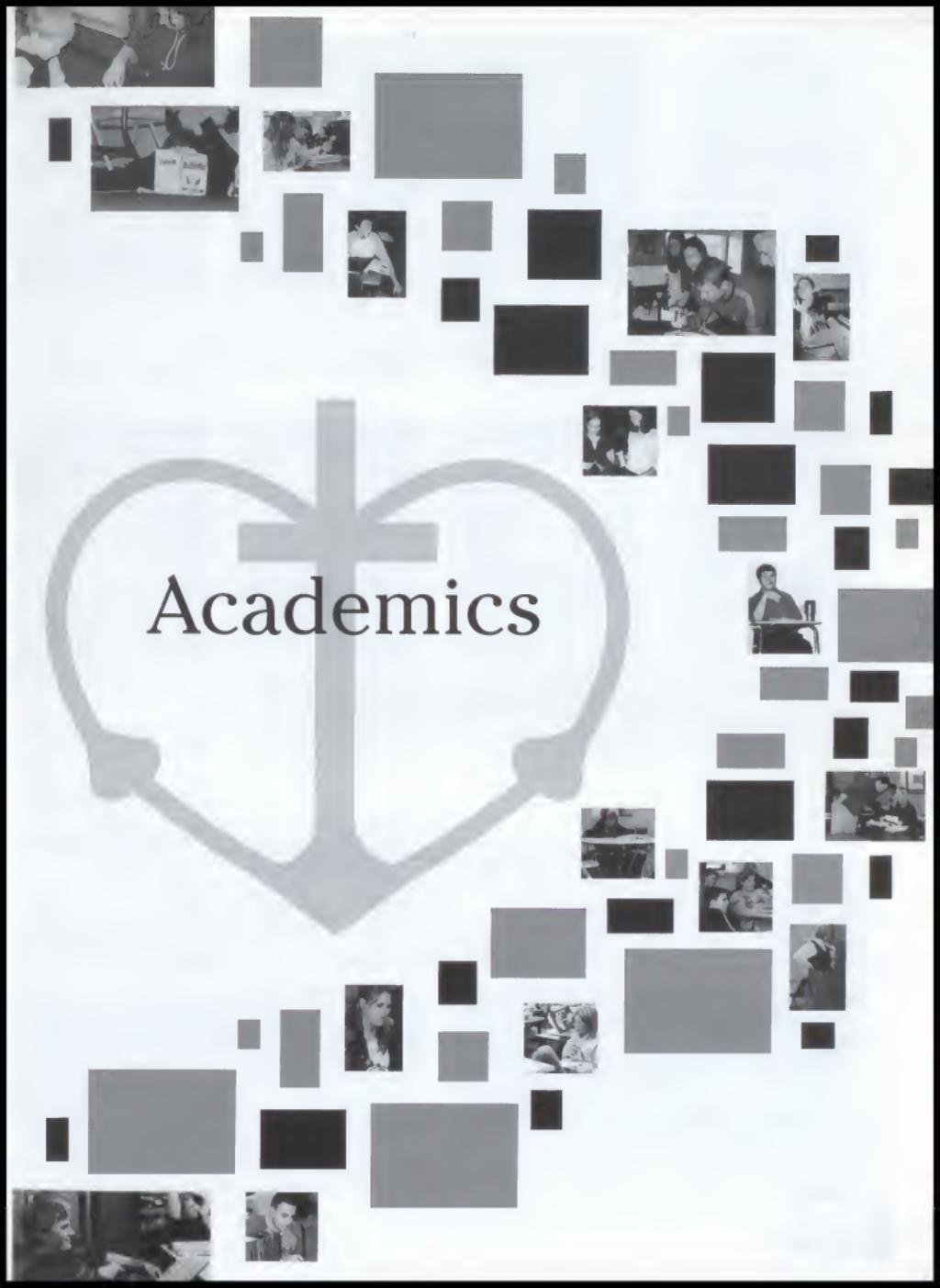
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

-Psalm 139





Academics





Eric Anderson



Joshua Beedle



Carla Best



Brian Bultema



Sarah Ridder



Gina Ridge



Rebekah Tazelaar



Amanda Vandersluis

Sarah Ridder Gina Ridge Rebekah Tazelaar Amanda Vandersluis

Seniors

What do you think you will be doing in 10 years?

Brian Bultema- I'll be a writer for a newspaper, happily married.

Carla Best- I'll be cutting movie stars' hair in California.

Eric Anderson- I'll be a music teacher, and married with at least two kids.



Carla Best and Helen DeVries are hard at "work!"



Jim Zeldenrust meets the doll he shared a role with in the Fall Play.



Helen DeVries



Joel Epley



Jennifer Kraai



Erica Nannenga

Helen Ruth DeVries

Joel Epley

Jennifer Kraai

Erica Nannenga



Nicole Winkler



Jim Zeldenrust

Nicole Winkler

Jim Zeldenrust

Best Senior Class Memories

Gina Ridge- "When our class went on a tour of Inez, KY and Nicole fell off the front of the van into the creek!"

Joel Epley- "When the 7th period study hall pulled the emergency shower in the science room and had to quickly clean up all the water while slipping and sliding everywhere."

Helen DeVries- "When the class went to Camp Tall Turf, the girls stole a peanut butter cream pie from the kitchen and everyone crammed into the handicap bathroom at midnight to eat it!"



The Senior class states the truth, Seniors Rule, while showing off school spirit for spirit week.



Nicole Winkler, accompanied by her parents, is honored at a home basketball game for her athletic achievements.

Shelley Lagestee, Tricia Schoon, Jason DeBoer, Marena den Dulk, Kristin Walstra, Adam Johnson, Neal Schering, and Michael Van Schowen concentrate in English class.



Joe Zandstra serves Chris Huber's lunch during a Friday hot lunch.



Kate Belstra takes notes in English class.

*I'm looking forward to
my Senior year because...*

"I have control, seniority, have classes that are easier, more fun, and it's my last year."

-Nicole Mulder

"I'm not looking forward to my senior year because I slacked off during my junior year and I want to do it over again." -Joe Zandstra

Tricia and Nicole are having fun again in Choir.



Juniors

The junior class has been known to be a little loud, but very fun. You never know what Tim McKenna is going to say in one of our classes or what Amber Hubers will do next. The junior class has been very close over the years since many of them were in grade school together. Maybe that's why they know almost everything about each other. God has blessed us with this school and every single person in this class.



Kate Belstra
Dave Bykerk
Jason DeBoer
Marena den Dulk
Amber Hubers



Chris Hubers
Adam Johnson
Shelley Lagestee
Tim McKenna
Nicole Mulder



Neal Schering
Tricia Schoon
Mark Schuringa
Chris Szafranski
Josh Turngren



Mandy Van Kley
Mike Van Schouwen
Kristen Walstra
Joe Zandstra

Lauren, Megan, Jacqueline and Kyle are all concentrating on Mrs. Dunton's geography lesson.



Who are you hiding from, Kiersten?



What's the matter, Sarah? Aren't you excited to dissect the frog?



Kyle, Jake and Jeremiah are working hard on their projects.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

"I hate when people touch my face with their hand ... eew, germs!"

-Brittney Jacobus

"When someone asks me my opinion on something, and after I answer they tell me I'm wrong." -Megan Beer



Nick is working very hard in study hall.

Lunch is almost here, Jen. Don't eat yet!



Sophomores

This year was a lot different than last year for the sophomores at CCHS. They were no longer little freshmen. They can now look forward to being upper classmen and ruling the school. They have definitely grown up and grown closer as a class. Even if they are the loudest class here, there's no doubt that they make each and every day fun. You can't walk through the halls without hearing loud laughter from at least one sophomore girl.



Renee Bleth
Megan Boer
Jacqueline Bos
Jeremiah Davis
Kyle DeBoer



Jennifer Dekker
Nick DeKryger
Kiersten Friend
Sarah Hoek
Brittney Jacobus



Hannah Johnson
Lauren Johnson
Jake Jones
Kelli Kingma
Adam
Van Der Molen



Dawn Van Kuiken
MaryAnn Van Schepen
Jessica Wetselaar
Megan Wilson

Aaron VanderMolen researches on the Internet in the computer lab.



Sam Wetselaar works on his huge algebra assignment during his study hall.



Dan DeGraff prepares for a science project in the library



Katelyn Best runs amuck through the hallways.



Caitlin McKenna, Erin Long and Kathy Kuiper vent about their lives on their way out of the library.



When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

"Fashion Designer" – Katelyn Best

"Firefighter" – Dan DeGraff

"A second grade teacher" – Caitlin McKenna

"An egg-peddler" – Josh Nannenga

"In the circus" – Angela Hubers



The whole freshmen class poses together on Spirit Day.

Caitlin McKenna, Erin Long, Angela Hubers and Caleb Mulder enjoy eating at Subway on one of the off campus lunches.



Freshmen

It was the first day at Covenant for nineteen students in August. They found themselves in a totally new environment, student body and school. It was exciting as well as a little overwhelming.

The freshmen also had to adjust to being the little kids again, but by the end of the year they blended in. They joined many different extra curricular activities and participated as active members of the student body.

Now that the freshmen have completed their first year and are settled in, they can look forward to the coming years of high school.



Katelyn Best
Jenna Bruck
Daniel DeGraff
Robert den Dulk
Nick DeVries



Ryan Handtke
Angela Hubers
Kevin Kackos
Kathy Kuiper
Michelle Lagestee



Erin Long
Caitlin McKenna
Caleb Mulder
Josh Nannenga
Adrianna Oudman



Lauren Ridder
Alex Tysen
Aaron Van Der Molen
John Van Schepen
Sam Wetselaar

Mrs. Dunton was caught hanging out with students in her spare time during Spirit Week.



Mr. Todd Nanninga is an essential part of the faculty with his unusual scientific experiments.



Dr. Martin Essenburg seems happy to be in his new office as the school year is ready to begin.



Maureen Birkett, the librarian, is yet another great addition to the CCHS staff this year.



Bonnie Zeilenga completes her many tasks in the office, always with a smile on her face.

Faculty

This year's CCHS staff members has seen the addition of many new members. With Mr. Vredevoogd teaching English, Mrs. DeVries and Mr. Tazelaar heading the music department, Mrs. Friend teaching Child Development, Mr. Hamstra teaching shop and Mr. Roger Robb teaching electricity, there were certainly many new and

exciting experiences to encounter.

Dr. Essenburg also was a new addition to CCHS this year as interim principal of the school. Mr. Scholten continued as head custodian, and Mrs. Schliemann took over the daily cleaning. We thank God for continuing to provide faithful and skillful staff for our school.



Mrs. Maureen Birkett
Mrs. Natalie Boonstra
Mrs. Lois DeVries
Mrs. Julia Dunton



Dr. Martin Essenburg
Mrs. Judy Friend
Mr. Al Hamstra
Mrs. Sharon Nanninga



Mr. Todd Nanninga
Mr. Scott Philipsen
Mrs. Gladys Schliemann
Mr. Mark Scholten



Mr. Ken Tazelaar
Mr. Curt Vredevoogd
Mrs. Bonnie Zeilenga

Math, Science & Social Studies



Kiersten Friend and Jen Dekker closely examine their dissected frog in Biology class.

Jessica Wetselaar and Megan Wilson check out what the inside of a starfish looks like during Biology class.



Mr. Philipsen got the freshmen off to a good start in Algebra I.



Brittney Jacobus and Lauren Johnson make sure they are prepared for Geography class.



Adrianna Oudman, Nick DeVries, Sam Wetselaar, Ryan Handke and Caleb Mulder work on an assignment in Algebra I.

Joe Zandstra examines his Geography book as Megan Boer looks on.



Megan Wilson looks through her Geography book as Jacqueline Bos looks ahead to the front of the room.



Mrs. Dunton hands out maps in Geography class as Shelley Lagastee, Josh Turngren, and Mark Schuringa watch.



Erin Long hands in her homework to Mr. Philipsen at the end of the Algebra I class.

The freshmen left their Algebra I books stranded on the floor in their hurry to get to lunch.



Adam Van Der Molen dissects a pig in Biology class as Sarah Hoek and Brittney Jacobus watch in disgust.

Mr. Nanninga explains the importance of ocean basins to the General Science class.

Spanish English Bible



Joel Epley scans his book in Bible class as Rebekah Tazelaar looks on.



Mrs. Nanninga goes over a vocabulary list with her Spanish IV class as Jim Zeldenrust takes notes.



Dr. Essenburg tells his Bible class about a book they will be reading.

Adam Van Der Molen uses his cooking skills for a project dish for the Spanish I class.



Kyle DeBoer, Brittney Jacobus, and Jeremiah Davis work on painting their portion of the faith mural in sophomore Bible class.



Kelli Kingma, Megan Boer, Dawn Van Kuiken, and Jacqueline Bos work on painting the bottom part of the faith mural in Bible 10.

Josh Turngren uses his spare time in English class wisely by writing in his journal.



Amanda Vandersluis, Rebekah Tazelaar, Sarah Ridder, and Jim Zeldenrust enjoy their game for one of their Spanish IV final project.



Hannah Johnson and John Van Schepen cut up the key ingredients for their recipe in Spanish 1.



Nicole Mulder works hard on her homework during English class.



Mrs. Dunton instructs her freshman English class about their next assignment.

Life Skills Art Physical Education

Mrs. Boonstra has taught Jason and many others how to use the pottery wheel..



Amanda and Nicole work carefully on their ceramics projects.



Mr. Robb teaches the electric class.



Jeremiah Davis is ready for anything in gym class.



Mr. Philipsen demonstrates how to buckle the flag football belts.



Dawn VanKuiken and a friend play at the preschool during child development.



Jake Jones runs away from the action of flag football.



Chris Hubers ponders the responsibilities of fatherhood in child development class. Jenna Bruck, Caitlin McKenna, and Ryan Handke drawing during Art I.



Jessica Wetselaar obviously paid attention while Mr. Philipsen explained how to buckle the flag football belts.

Joel Epley uses a circular saw while Mr. Hamstra watches.

Band

This year's band, though small in size, was a well balanced group full of talent. Mrs. Lois DeVries has taught before, so directing was no new experience for her. She

was the right one for the job; the songs she chose varied in complexity and style and ultimately worked for the development of the players.

With large brass and sax sections, the flutes and clarinets were outnumbered, but they too were given a

chance to show their skill, especially in a quartet performed at the March concert.

In fact, every section was given an individual piece to work on and perform at some point. This year's band was a good experience, and the size can only grow over the next few years.

Nicole Winkler and Erin Long are the only flutes in the band, and they play well.



Aaron VanDerMolen, Adam VanDerMolen, Jessica Wetselaar and Megan Boer each play their own part at the spring concert.



Ryan Handtke, Jim Zeldenrust, Sam Wetselaar and Adam Johnson concentrate on their saxophone music.



Nick DeVries and Josh Beedle work their percussion instruments skillfully.



Band: (back row) Aaron VanDerMolen, Mark Schuringa, Jessica Wetselaar, Megan Boer, Adam VanDerMolen, Nick DeVries, Eric Anderson, Josh Beedle. (second row) Nick DeKryger, Angela Hubers, Helen DeVries, Sam Wetselaar, Adam Johnson, (third row) Joe Zandstra, Brian Bultema, Ryan Handtke, Jim Zeldenrust (front row) Adrianna Oudman, Kate Belstra, Nicole Winkler, Erin Long and Director Mrs. DeVries.

Freshmen girls Michelle Lagestee, Katelyn Best, and Kathy Kuiper practice a song.



Caleb Mulder and Chris Hubers are paying attention to Mr. Tazelaar's directions during a song in class.

Choir

This year was a great year for choir with Mr. Ken Tazelaar as the director. His love of music and teaching made him a great leader for the choir. Helen DeVries was the piano player for the choir during class and concerts. She did a wonderful job and her talent was very much appreciated.

Choir students are taught how to praise God to their greatest ability and how to glo-

Senior Helen DeVries played the piano during the "Almost Spring" concert.

rify Him through singing different kinds of songs. They are also taught how to make their musical talents even better.

In October, the choir gave its first performance. The audience seemed to like the fact that the choir had robes, but the members would not agree with the audience. The songs at this concert were all spiritual songs, such as "Elijah and Joshua."

For Christmas the choir did something a bit different. Instead of

people coming to school for a concert, they went to two churches, Bethel CRC and Immanuel URC for performances.

In March, there was the "Almost Spring" concert. This concert had both sacred and secular music, including "I've Got Rhythm" and "When You Believe," a song which was dedicated to Renee Bleth.

In all, choir was both a lot of fun as well as a good experience for its members.



Sopranos and tenors concentrate on their music during a performance.



Choir: (Back row) Kyle De Boer, Dan De Graaff, Alex Tysen, Robert den Dulk, Josh Turngren, Joel Epley, Eric Anderson, Tim McKenna, Dave Bykerk, Caleb Mulder, Chris Hubers, Neal Schering, Josh Nannenga, Jim Zeldenrust. (Middle row) Tricia Schoon, Nicole Mulder, Hannah Johnson, Rebekah Tazelaar, Marena den Dulk, Jacqueline Bos, Megan Wilson, Erica Nannenga, Carla Best, Gina Ridge, Jenni Kraal, Michelle Lagestee, Kiersten Friend. (Front row) Kristen Walstra, Megan Boer, Renee Bleth, Lauren Ridder, Katelyn Best, Kelli Kingma, Jen Dekker, Dawn Van Kuiken, Jenna Bruck, Caitlin McKenna, Lauren Johnson, Brittney Jacobus, Sarah Hoek.

Pep Band

Pep band this year was small in number but big in sound. In addition to the student players the pep band was assisted by Malcolm DeKryger, Jon Kingma, Karen Hamstra, Patty Wetselaar, and Bob DeGraff. The band played at all of the home games and received many compliments on the fun atmosphere they provided.

Although there were not very many practices for the pep band, they really came together at the games with their great sound. Being in the pep band allowed members the opportunity to sit close to the bench and see across the court to the home crowd and their response to the game. Go, Fight, Win!

Eric Anderson sets the beat with his drum solo.



Joe Zandstra, Brian Bultema and their saxophones wow the crowd with the "Hey Song."

The band entertains the crowd at a time out at a girls' game



Director Mrs. DeVries joins in on her flute.



Pep Band: (front row) Adrianna Oudman, Kate Belstra, Nicole Winkler (second row) Sam Wetselaar, Joe Zandstra, Ryan Handtke, Brian Bultema (third row) Adam Johnson, Nick DeKryger, Helen DeVries, Angela Hubers (fourth row) Jessica Wetselaar, Mark Schuringa, Adam VanDerMolen, Megan Boer, Aaron VanderMolen (back row) Director Mrs. DeVries, Eric Anderson, Nick DeVries, Josh Beedle.

Activities

Student Council

The Student Council did a wonderful job putting together all the extra activities for the student body, and they would not have done it without faculty sponsor Sharon Nanninga and President Jim Zeldenrust. Thanks to them and the rest of the members the student body had a great time. Some of the events that were sponsored were Fall Banquet and Spirit Week, which included off campus lunch and dress up days.

Mrs. Nanninga leads the student council in a Friday lunch meeting.

"The hardest thing to plan was banquet, but it turned out all right."

-Kate Belstra

"Planning for this year's activities was hard, but it was all worth it!"

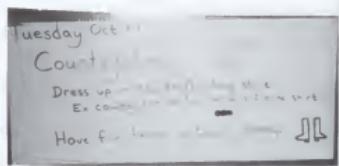
-Shelley Lagestee

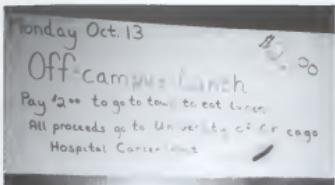
Rebekah Tazelaar, Kelli Kingma and Hannah Johnson pose for a picture on Cowboy Day.



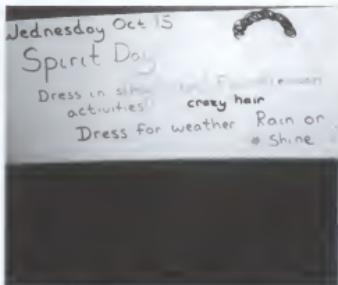
Front row, L-R: Joel Epley, Kate Belstra, Shelley Lagestee, Nick De Kryger, Megan Wilson, Nick DeVries, Adrianna Oudman. Back row: Jim Zeldenrust, Amanda Vandersluis and Mrs. Nanninga.

Jim Zeldenrust leads the student council in a vote.





Josh Beedle poses for a picture as a cowboy while Brian Bultema laughs from the background.



Robert den Dulk in his Cowboy Day look.



Brittney Jacobus, Lauren Johnson, Sarah Hoek and Jen Dekker talk and eat in Jim's Coffee Café during an off campus lunch. Chris Hubers just covers his face.

Praise and Worship

Instead of having chapel this year, our time was spent in what was called "Praise and Worship Time." The new name reminded the whole student body that the twenty minutes we spent together on Tuesdays and Thursdays was not for our own benefit, but for the glory of our Lord and Savior.

Mark Schuringa flies through the air in an attempt to get to Heaven while Neal Schering and Trisha Schoon cheer him on.



Carpenter's Tools

There were many different activities that went on during Praise and Worship. Carpenter's Tools once again came and led us in worship for an hour at the end of one school day. Tom Adamson and Eric Anderson led us in singing and worship a few times throughout the year, and two alumni, Valar-

ie Porte and Rich Cramer, came to speak to us. Others from inside the school also helped lead worship time. The Spanish III class put together a skit one day. Other days some of the teachers or students spoke, gave testimonies and challenged everyone to become stronger in their faith.



Michelle Lagestee, Katelyn Best, Erin Long and Jenna Bruck try to stay awake at the lock-in as breakfast is prepared.





The student body gathers in the cafeteria for chapel on Tuesday morning.

A group of students at the lock-in relax in the cafeteria when there's nothing else to do.



The Praise and Worship Committee: (front row) Aaron Vander Molen, Helen DeVries, Chris Szafranski; (middle row) Megan Boer, Nicole Winkler, Erica Nannenga, Kiersten Friend, Mrs. Dunton; (back row) Marena den Dulk, Brian Bultema, Jenni Kraai, Eric Anderson, Kelli Kingma.



Five members of Carpenter's Tools team sing some of our favorite contemporary Christian songs as well as some new ones we didn't know. Although CCHS students were used to guitars, drums and a keyboard, the message that was brought through the music gave them a better understanding of the mission work the people of Carpenter's Tools do for Christ.

Village Fable

In November, Covenant's drama department presented "A Village Fable." The audience was taken into a new world full of wild colors and unheard of characters. It told the story of three main characters: Chudu the Goat Man, Prince Christopher and Armida, a gypsy girl, as they journeyed up a mountain and away from the little town that rejected them.

These three unlikely

Clarella shows off her beauty as the suitors look at her with disgust.



A suitor lovingly counts Armida's flowers for her.



Armida and the Prince encounter the Six-Fingered Man on top of the mountain.

Cast List

Narrator - Dawn VanKuiken

Mother - Jessica Wetselaar

Clarella - Marena den Dulk

Armida - Angela Hubers

Child - Kiersten Friend

Chudu - Megan Boer

King - Joseph Zandstra

Prince - Jim Zeldenrust

Director - Mrs. Dunton

Student Director - Nicole Winkler

characters meet on the mountain and journey along together, planning to end their lives. But when they encounter the Six Fingered Man, defeat him and restore water to the village, they realize that life is more important than death. They begin the long journey down the mountain together, and they stick with each other until the village recognizes them not as freaks but as friends.

Clarella shows off her beauty as the suitors look at her with disgust.



Chudu, Prince Christopher, and Armida peer over the edge of a cliff on top of the mountain.



The King crowns Prince Christopher to welcome him back into the royal family.

The Nerd

Covenant's spring play, "The Nerd," was unlike any play CCHS has ever put on. This comedy told the story of Willum Cubbert, a man whose life had no real meaning until the man who saved his life, Rick Steadman, showed up one day at Willum's house.

Through several hilarious incidents, Willum was finally forced

to break the secure wall around his life and go out onto a ledge. In the end, Willum's friend Alex revealed to the audience that she had planned to change Willum's life in this way, with the help of her friend Kemp Hall, who only pretended to be Rick in order to show Willum what life was really all about.

Thor, in Willum's bathrobe and boxers, imagines himself to be "Bimgimbo the Great!"

Tansy almost throws spaghetti in Rick's face.



Clelia attempts to revive Thor, while Waldgrave looks on in anger.



Rick tries to help Waldgrave by punching out his eyehole.

"Hey walla, walla, walla!"



Cast List

Willum Cubbert - Chris Szafranski
Tansy McGinnis - Megan Boer
Alex Hammond - Tricia Schoon
Warnock Waldgrave - Neal Schering
Clelia Waldgrave - Rebekah Tazelaar
Rick Steadman - Brian Bultema
Thor - Jessica Wetselaar
Director - Mr. Vredenborg

Yearbook

The yearbook committee this year was led by Mr. Vredevoogd and was later joined by Mrs. Patty Wetselaar, who took lots of pictures and helped sell and keep track of advertisements. With the money raised from supportive community businesses, the yearbook committee was able to expand the size of the yearbook.

Mr. Vredevoogd's enthusiasm for the project inspired several students on the

Right, Mr. Vredevoogd helps Megan Boer figure out where to put the pictures on the fall play page. Below, Kiersten chooses pictures.



The Yearbook Committee: (Back row) Jessica Wetselaar, Amanda Vandersluis, Kiersten Friend, Brian Bultema, Josh Beedle, Mr. Vredevoogd. (front row) Jenni Kraai, Megan Boer, Shelley Lagestee, Angela Hubers, Megan Wilson, Jacqueline Bos, Mrs. Wetselaar

staff to work above and beyond what their assignments demanded of them. On Tuesday afternoons in the cafeteria, several dedicated students could always be found working hard. They were making pages of memories for other students to enjoy for years to come. It is the hope of these students that this yearbook will set a new standard of excellence for yearbooks in the future.

Amanda Vandersluis, Megan Wilson, and Jessica Wetselaar look through old yearbooks to get ideas for their pages.



Jessica Wetselaar, Shelley Lagestee, and Angela Hubers work hard on sorting through the survey pages.



Yearbook Overhears:

Quality comments that came up at random
"Can we airbrush a butt out?"

- Mr. Vredevoogd

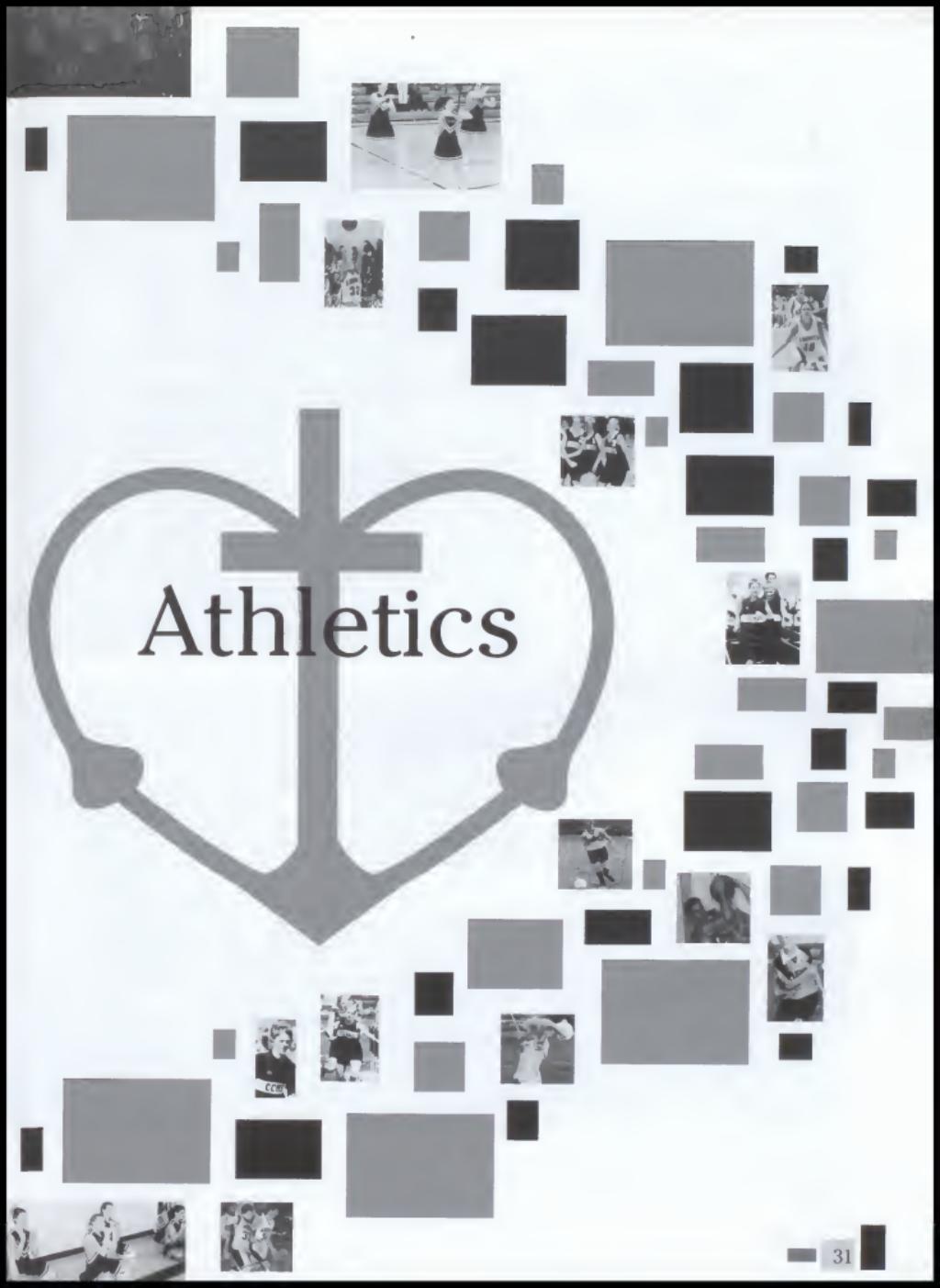
"I don't squeak. I just dropped something...it's a sound effect."

- Megan Boer

"They lock us in cages and only feed us on weekends."

- Unknown

Athletics



Volleyball

"I got it! Mine! It's yours!" Those are the famous phrases that spectators often hear on the court throughout the volleyball season.

This year's volleyball team enjoyed a winning season. They showed great teamwork throughout the practices and games. When asked to describe the season, Brittney Jacobus remembered the drills that brought them closer to perfection.

Kelli Kingma said, "It was stressful at times, but the hard work paid off in the long run." For Lauren Johnson the season was a fun way to meet people in her first year at Covenant. Rebekah Tazelaar reminisces, "It was fun to watch my teammates improve so much in one year." That's what the season was all about in the end: working through the good and the bad and growing close as a team.

Jacqueline Bos, Sarah Hoek, Nicole Winkler, and Hannah Johnson show their excitement after one of the games.



Tricia Schoon and Rebekah Tazelaar eagerly and impatiently wait to receive the next serve.



Varsity Team: Back Row: Nicole Winkler, Mr. Scott Philipsen, Rebekah Tazelaar, Hannah Johnson, Lynn Schakel, Kristen Walstra. Middle Row: Jacqueline Bos, Mandy Van Kley, Sarah Hoek. Front Row: Tricia Schoon, Carla Best.

Better Pizza.



Brittney Jacobus dives for the ball while the coaches anxiously watch.

Kelli Kingma makes a save with Caitlin McKenna and Lauren Johnson there to help.



Carla Best smacks the ball down while Nicole Winkler watches, ready for a block.



JV Team: Back Row: Coach Lynn Schakel, Caitlin McKenna, Kelli Kingma, Mr. Scott Phillipsen, Middle Row: Megan Boer, Erin Long, Lauren Johnson, Dawn Van Kuiken, Jenna Bruck. Front Row: Sarah Hoek, Brittney Jacobus, Hannah Johnson.

Stats:

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Varsity</u>
Frankfort Christian	—	Won
Greenwood Christian	—	Won
Kankakee Trinity	Won	Won
Grace Baptist	Lost	Lost
Portage Christian	Won	Won
Granger Christian	Won	Won
South Haven	Won	—
Portage Christian	Won	Won
Calumet Baptist	Lost	Lost
Illiana Christian	Lost	—
Kankakee Trinity	Won	Won
Frankfort Christian	Won	—
LaLumiere	Won	Lost
<u>Heritage Christian</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Total	9-3	7-4

Stats:

Opponent

KV	.....	L	1-0
Rensselaer	.....	W	4-1
Boone Grove	.....	L	3-0
Fort Wayne	.....	W	3-1
Lakeland	.....	L	3-1
KV	.....	T	1-1
Wheeler	.....	L	5-1
Hebron	.....	W	3-1

Record: 3 wins, 1 tie, 4 losses

Right, Sarah Ridder takes the ball away from the other team.

Below, Amanda Vandersluis takes a corner kick.



Right, Jessica Wetselaar battles five Hebron opponents.

Amber Hubers takes the ball up the field as Jen Dekker runs beside her.



Women's Soccer

At first the Lady Knights were unsure if they even could have a fall soccer team because there were not enough girls. With the help of four home school girls, the Lady Knights, coached by Rev. Tom Wetselaar, had a successful year.

Even though the

Lady Knights placed third in the Granger tournament and had only three wins during the season, they continued to have great attitudes on and off the field. "This soccer season was fun," reflects sophomore and forward Jen Dekker, "we had great team unity."



Back Row: Rev. Wetselaar, Jessica Wetselaar, Amber Hubers, Libby Yancy, Linden Rost. Middle Row: Jennie Kunst, Angela Hubers, Jen Dekker, Sarah Ridder, Amanda Vandersluis, Corey Rost. Front Row Mary Ann Van Schepen, Adrianna Oudman, Lauren Ridder

Chris Szafranski dribbles the ball up the right side of the field towards the goal.



Joel Epley takes on two defenders in a Hebron game.



Ryan Handtke outruns his opponent to get the ball while looking for a pass to the center.



Men's soccer team back row: Jon Dekker, Chris Szafranski, Coach Malcolm DeKryger, Jason DeBoer, Joel Epley, Jim Zeldenrust, Dave Bykerk, Adam Johnson, Nick DeVries, Michael Van Schouwen, Coach Vredevoogd. Front row: Neal Schering, Sam Wetselaar, Mark Schuringa, Robert denDulk, Ryan Handtke, Nick DeKryger, and Tim McKenna. Not pictured, Kyle DeBoer

Men's Soccer

This year was a success for the guys' soccer team. Coach Malcolm DeKryger, assisted by Mr. Vredevoogd, taught the boys to work as a team and to have fun in the process. The team worked well together from freshman to senior, and the season was enjoyable for all, including the many fans that came, rain or shine, to watch the games.

The upperclassmen showed their good leadership on the field.

After a game against Portage, Dave Bykerk, Jason DeBoer, Nick DeKryger, and Sam Wetselaar shake hands with their opponents.

Stats:

Opponent:

Rensselaer Central	..... L	9-1
Grace Baptist	..... W	6-1
Portage Christian	..... W	11-0
Fairhaven Baptist	..... L	8-2
Trinity South Bend	..... W	2-1
Portage Christian	..... W	3-2
Kankakee Valley	..... W	4-0
Granger Christian	..... W	4-1
Fairhaven Baptist	..... W	6-2
Mishawauka 1 st Baptist	..... W	7-0
Grace Baptist	..... W	4-1
Hebron	..... W	4-2
Trinity South Bend	..... W	6-0
Granger Christian	..... W	6-1
Lakeland Christian	..... L	12-2

Season Record: 12 wins, 3 losses

Women's Basketball

The team was discouraged at the beginning of the year because the starting five from the year before, who had been responsible for most of the scoring, had graduated. But, despite their beginning fears, the Lady Knights had a very successful season. They had a final season record of 15-7, which included winning the Grace Baptist tournament and receiving third place in the ACSI tournament.



Caitlin McKenna makes a difficult pass to Amber Hubers across the lane.

Tricia Schoon shoots over an opponent's hand.



Far left, Brittney Jacobus uses a cross-over dribble to get by an opponent.

Amanda Vandersluis shoots a three-pointer in a play as Mandy Van Kley, Sarah Ridder, and Tricia Schoon block for her.



Back: Dr. Brent Jacobus, Amber Hubers, Caitlin McKenna, Brittney Jacobus, Marena den Dulk, Erin Long, Tricia Schoon, Mr. Nelson Schoon. Middle: Angela Hubers, Jacqueline Bos, Mandy Van Kley, Sarah Hoek, Adrianna Oudman. Front: Sarah Ridder, Amanda Vandersluis

Stats:

Homewood Christian	W
Grace Baptist	W
First Assembly	W
Portage Christian	W
Lakeland Christian	L
LaLumiere	W
Trinity South Bend	L
Kankakee Trinity	W
Grace Baptist	W
Granger Christian	L
Calumet Baptist	W
South Haven	W
Illiana JV	L
Heritage Christian	W
Kankakee Trinity	W
Granger Christian	L
Trinity South Bend	W
South Haven	W
Heritage Christian	W

Joel Epley wrestles the ball away from the players at South Haven.



Adam Van Der Molen takes a jump shot over a player from Portage.



Stats:

Varsity Results:

Christian Liberty	Won
Grace Baptist	Won
1 st Assembly	Won
Portage	Won
La Lumiere	Won
Kankakee Trinity	Won
Calumet Baptist	Won
Granger	Won
City Baptist	Won
Portage	Won
Granger	Loss
Crossroads	Won
Christian Liberty	Won
South Haven	Won
Illiana Christian	Loss
Heritage Christian	Won
Grace Baptist	Won
Kankakee Trinity	Won
Granger	Won
South Haven	Won
Frankfort	Won
Heritage	Won
Clinton	Loss
Granger	Won

JV Results:

Granger	Won
Grace Baptist	Loss
Illiana Christian	Loss
KV	Won
Granger	Won
Calumet Baptist	Loss
Christian Center	Won

John Van Schepen, Sam Wetselaar, Nick DeVries, and Ryan Handtke check into the game.

The players on the bench watch expectantly during an intense game.

Men's Basketball

The team entered the season with high expectations and started strong by winning 10 straight games. This included a 1st place finish in the Grace Baptist Invitational.

The first loss of the season came in the Calumet Baptist Tournament against Granger. They bounced back by winning the next 2 games to finish 3rd in the tournament. The season ended with 7 straight wins before losing to Clinton in

the ACSI Tournament. The final game of the year was a victory over Granger to finish 3rd in the ACSI Tournament. The overall record was 21 wins and 4 losses.

Overall, the season was a great learning experience. The two seniors, Joel Epley and Jim Zeldenrust, provided great leadership for the team throughout the year. The returning players look forward to another successful season next year.



Front row: Josh Nannenga, Aaron Vander Molen, Adam Van Der Molen, Sam Wetselaar, Nick DeVries, Ryan Handtke, Alex Tysen. Back row: Adam Johnson, Dave Bykerk, Jim Zeldenrust, Joel Epley, John Van Schepen, Neal Schering, Chris Szafranski, Michael Van Schouwen, Coach Mike Fischer

Cheerleading

While standing on the sidelines, the Covenant cheerleaders did a great job of lifting the spirits of the crowd. Not only were they cheering at the games but also at the Pep Rallies that were held throughout the year. After spending some time over the summer in camp, Coach Best and the girls came back with lots of new ideas.



Nicole Mulder shows off her moves during a halftime dance.



Right, Carla Best finishes a routine during halftime of a boys' game against Portage.

Far right, Nicole Winkler and Carla Best lead in a cheer at an away game.

Megan Wilson, Nicole Winkler, Nicole Mulder and Carla Best show off their stunt maneuvers.



Back row: Katelyn Best, Jen Dekker, Nicole Mulder, Lauren Ridder, Megan Wilson. Front row: Bekah Tazelaar, Nicole Winkler and Carla Best.



Lauren Ridder leads a cheer during halftime.

Sam Wetselaar hands off to Adam Johnson during the middle of their relay race.



Neal Schering begins his portion of the relay race after receiving the baton from Ryan Handtke.



Angela Hubers practices perseverance in order to finish her race.

Back row: Coach Becky Vandersluis, Betsy Zandstra, Sam Wetselaar, Ryan Handtke, Adam Johnson, Chris Szafranski, Sarah Ridder, Erin Long, and Coach Brenda Long. Front row: Amanda Vandersluis, Joe Zandstra, Jim Zeldenrust, Neal Schering, Joel Epley, and Rebecca Tazelaar.

Track & Field

In the spring of 2004 a search began to form the first CCHS Track & Field team. The brave athletes who came forward to represent CCHS included 8 male and 5 female students. Because the team was small, 5 additional runners/field participants were borrowed from the DMCS team for the meets. The four meets included:

*Momence HS - 5 team meet.

*Boone Grove HS - 2 team meet (cancelled)

*Houseward Invitational in Hudsonville, MI
- 14 team meet

The team pulled together to compete against schools much larger and experienced. The season was challenging because practices were held at DMCS and the Field of Dreams Park, and athletes were transported to meets in mini vans. The students' and parents' support made everyone's efforts worthwhile and the season a success.

Adam Johnson ducks his head in concentration as he pushes off to a great start.

Joe Zandstra puts his all into the long jump.



Senior Night



Joel Epley and his mom, Carol Epley.



Amanda Vandersluis and her mom, Becky Vandersluis.



Rebekah Tazelaar and her parents, Ken and Sherri Tazelaar.



Carla Best and her parents, Mitch and Chris Best.

On Friday, February 13, the last home basketball game of the season was played and seven seniors were honored for their athletic performance throughout the years. Carla Best was honored for being a cheerleader and volleyball player. Rebekah Tazelaar participated in volleyball and cheerleading. Sarah Ridder was in basketball, volleyball, soccer, cheerleading as well as track and field. Jim Zeldenrust played basketball and soccer and took part in track and field.

Amanda Vandersluis participated in soccer, volleyball, basketball, and track and field. Nicole Winkler was in volleyball and cheerleading. Joel Epley was involved in soccer and basketball in addition to track and field.

Each senior athlete was presented with a carnation and was escorted across the gym floor by his or her parents as the home crowd showed their appreciation for these students and their supportive parents.



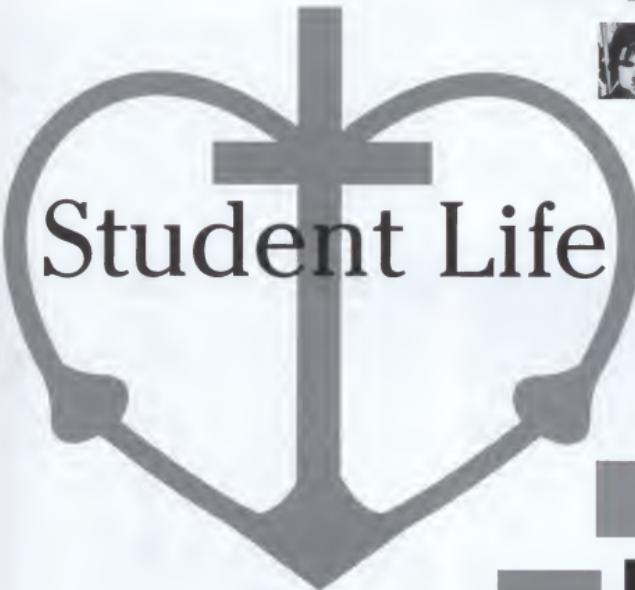
The senior athletes and their parents line up to be recognized. Left to right, Mr. Best, Carla Best, Mrs. Best, Amanda Vandersluis, Rebekah Tazelaar, Mr. Tazelaar, Nicole Winkler, Sarah Ridder, Mrs. Mary Zeldenrust, Mrs. Ridder, Jim Zeldenrust, Joel Epley, Mrs. Epley.



Sarah Ridder and her parents, Howard and Brenda Ridder.



Student Life



Senior Service Project

From April 24 to May 1, the senior class went on a service project to Juarez, Mexico. While they were there, they learned a lot about the extreme poverty in Mexico, the blessings in our lives in the United States and the joys of serving our neighbors in need.

This eye-opening journey started on Saturday when the senior class arrived in El Paso, Texas. They spent the night at Sunshine Com-

munity Church. On Sunday, the students went to various Bible studies and a church service where they were commissioned to go serve in Juarez. They then went over the border into Mexico and settled into a church building in Juarez. On Monday and Tuesday they laid block, mixed concrete, painted, installed wire and played with the neighborhood children. On Tuesday night, they were able to see some of the church's

ministries, which include a shelter for reformed prostitutes, called Jovencitas, a poor town full of playful children, and an Indian tribe called Talahumara. On Wednesday the students went back to El Paso to work at a storage barn where they organized donated items, uprooted a tree, dug a trench and leveled ground for a driveway. Some seniors traveled to New Mexico to get more cinderblock. More work was done on the commu-

nity center on Thursday, and at night they played with the children in the poor village. On Friday they visited a marketplace to buy souvenirs and then went back over the border to El Paso to stay the night at the Sunshine Community Church.

The seniors were very glad to fly home on Saturday back to the richness of the American life, but they will never forget what they witnessed in Juarez, Mexico.

Carla, Erica and Nicole rinse off their paint supplies.



This is the church building the seniors stayed at in Juarez.

Nicole and Joel shovel dirt for the driveway.



Dr. Gary De Vries (left) and his wife Dianne went along as chaperones and joined the seniors for a meal at a Mexican restaurant.

Dr. De Vries, Nicole, Helen, Erica and Jenni paint the community center.



Sarah and Gina work hard on the cinder block wall.

The senior class on the steps, with Gina and Mrs. Dunton in the foreground, joins Pastor Joel, Jeff, Tim and Chewy for a picture on their last workday.

Which moment was the...

Greatest? Playing with the kids

Worst? Using the bathroom

Disturbing? Seeing the cancerous dog

Most memorable? Crossing the border

Funniest? Jim making up his own songs on a fake guitar



Angela Hubers and Caitlin McKenna show up as fashionable 19th century ladies.

Josh Nannenga finishes his Michael Jackson performance with style.



Katelyn Best, Jenna Bruck and Lauren Ridder appear anxious and excited about their first Covenant banquet.



Amanda Vandersluis and Joel Epley make a good Cleopatra and Marc Antony.

Fall Banquet

The 2003 fall banquet was a one of a kind event in the history of the school. Never before had a night combined so much delicious food, crazy skits, funny costumes, and such an uncanny

scavenger hunt.

That Friday night boasted an array of talent including the unforgettable Michael Jackson dance routine by Josh Nannenga, lip synching by Carla Best, Erica Nannenga, and

Sarah Ridder, a sword fight, a Monty Python parody skit, and a skit featuring George W. Bush and Dick Cheney.

After the food and performances, CCHS students completed a list of tasks to be performed in the DeMotte community such as buying three cents of gas, running

through drive throughs, and singing the national anthem in front of Pak-A-Sak. The night was finally capped off when everybody drove to Hebron Lanes and bowled several games. This night will certainly be remembered as CCHS's wackiest, funniest and tastiest night.



Chris Szafranski, Neal Schering, and Adam Johnson prepare to awe the crowd with a sword fight as the Three Musketeers.

Sarah Ridder, Carla Best, and Erica Nannenga dance and lip sync.



Nick DeVries bowls following the banquet and video scavenger hunt.



Kristin Walstra paints a house.



Chris, Jason, Josh, Tim, Mr. Vredevoogd, Dave, and Mark rescued the muddy van.



Tricia and Mark display their hard work.



Adam and Chris in a trailer.



Linda + Ken Van Tholen, left, Dan + Michelle Lagestee, "Grandma" Belstra, right, + John Van Keppel, front, with the juniors

Chris Hubers and Neal Schering have fun with a water fight.



Mandy, Dave, Chris, and Marena sit on the hood in the middle of a creek while Jason watches from inside the van.



Shelley Lagestee and Marena den Dulk caulk the holes in a house.

Junior Service Project

The Junior Class went to Inez, Kentucky not only to serve the Lord but to have fun. Inez is a place with a totally different culture and some people there are extremely poor. We split into groups to go to different sites around Inez. Some people painted on their work sites while others built decks or helped with an addition on a house. It was an awesome experience helping people and seeing the difference we made in their lives. We also had some fun times having water fights, hiking, watching Mr. Vredevoogd getting stuck in the mud, and playing games.

Neal and Marena serve by painting.



Josh and Tim work on a deck at the last job site.

Sophomore Service Project

This year for service week, the sophomore class went to Camp Tall Turf near Hesperia, Michigan. They left from school on Monday morning and got back on Friday afternoon. Their week was different from everybody else's because the class didn't get to see the people that they helped, but they did get to watch a movie that showed the kids who go to the camp.

The sophomore class did many jobs during Service Week. They raked leaves, painted,

dug a culvert, repaired a swamp boardwalk, and dug around a climbing wall in order to spread mulch around it. They also pruned trees and bushes every day, even while it was snowing. Mary Ann Van Schepen said, "My least favorite job was pruning in the snow. It was too cold."

Other jobs included cleaning the infirmary, digging a four foot hole, smashing concrete, putting the concrete into the hole, and filling the hole back in. Some of the girls tore

down bathroom partitions and cleaned the shower fans.

On the final day, they began building a new swamp walk which, as Adam VanderMolen said, "It smelled bad and was very sticky." Some people took inventory and distributed fire extinguishers to the cabins.

At the end of the day they had a giant shaving cream fight which resulted in everyone jumping into the freezing cold lake to rinse off. Everybody agreed that that was the most fun part of the week.



Dawn Van Kuiken and Lauren Johnson knock out bathroom stalls.



Megan Wilson and Jacqueline Bos spread concrete.



Kyle DeBoer, Nick DeKryger, Jeremiah Davis, and chaperone Malcolm DeKryger dig the four foot hole.

Kyle DeBoer, Jake Jones, Nick DeKryger, Adam VanderMolen, and Jacqueline Bos build a swamp walk.



Lauren Johnson paints a pump house.

Jen Dekker and Brittney Jacobus are doing Jen's favorite job—jumping off a pile of leaves to get it down the hill.



"Cracking the cement with the sledge hammer was my favorite job because it was hard, but fun, and it took out my aggression." - Jessica Wetselaar

Sarah Hoek, Brittney Jacobus, and Jen Dekker at a worksite.



Nick DeKryger, Jake Jones, and Adam VanderMolen show off their new hairstyles.



Kelli Kingma leads the sophomores in worship after a long day working.

What was your favorite job?

"Digging, we got it done fast." - Jake Jones

"Working on the swamp walk; Megan Wilson and I were men!" - Lauren Johnson

What was your least favorite job?

"Cleaning the fans in the bathrooms because it was gross, dirty, and really, really boring." - Megan Boer

"Cleaning the infirmary because it smelled like a hospital and my grandma's house and I ended up puking." - Dawn VanKuiken

What was your favorite memory?

"When Kyle walked in covered with shaving cream." - Nick DeKryger

"When I walked in the guys' room covered with marshmallow and shaving cream." - Kyle DeBoer

Hannah Johnson, Jessica Wetselaar, and Mary Ann VanSchepen paint the camp's theme board.



Freshman Service Project

Covenant was not completely empty of students during service week. Each morning the freshman class arrived at the school, participated in opening devotions and set off to their assigned service for the day.

Their five different destinations for the week included Harvey, Hopkins Park, Roseland Christian Ministries and the Greater Chicago Food

Depository. One day was spent right here in DeMotte working in the town parks.

Jobs throughout the week included cleaning a kitchen, sorting bags of clothing, pulling weeds, visiting with the elderly in a nursing home, and many other things that helped each student consider new ways of being of service in God's kingdom.



Chaperone Margie den Dulk, Aaron Vander Molen and Robert den Dulk work at the Field of Dreams.



Nick DeVries tries to keep his garbage bag from blowing away while working at Field of Dreams on Wednesday.

Wednesday

A group of students pose in front of the resale shop after a day of work.

Monday



Mrs. Boonstra and some of the freshmen helped at a nursing home on Monday.



Kathy Kuiper, Nick DeVries, Josh Nannenga and Caitlin McKenna clean up some brush at the C.R.A.F.T building.

Alex Tysen and Caleb Mulder help out by planting some flowers by a sign.

Tuesday

Adrianna Oudman, along with her classmates, is hard at work. They packaged over 4,000 pounds of snacks in three hours!



Lauren Ridder works at the food depository packaging snacks.

Our own school sponsored food drive accumulated enough boxes of food to put the students to work loading vans before we headed for Chicago.



Thursday

Dan De Graff and Aaron Vander Molen move debris out of Roseland's alley.



Lauren Ridder, Adrianna Oudman and Katelyn Best bake cookies for the people at Roseland Christian Ministries.

Friday



Junior/Senior Banquet



Eric Anderson and Jenni Kraai spend time together after dinner.

The Junior/Senior Banquet, put on by the juniors, was certainly a surprise for every senior guest that came in.

Though they had heard that the theme was different, few people expected that the juniors had chosen a Clue theme.

On May 15, the entire school was decorated in a late 19th century theme that strikingly resembled the board game Clue. The juniors had even set up a conservatory, a billiard room, a study, and a lounge.

Several juniors also dressed up as Clue characters, such as Colonel Mustard, Mrs. Peacock, Miss White, Professor Plum, Mr. Green, Mr. Body, Miss Scarlet.

The host was Chris Szafranski.

After dinner, the students were separated into teams and sent to find out who killed Mr. Body.

Clues were hidden around the school, and for over an hour teams attempted to gain more clues and information about the killer, his location, and his weapon. It was eventually found out that Colonel Mustard, played by Adam Johnson, killed Mr. Body.

The Junior/Senior banquet of 2004 will certainly go down in Covenant history as one of the most decorative, creative, and enjoyable nights Covenant students have ever seen.



Six suspects and a body - who did it? Miss White (Nicole), Miss Scarlet (Tricia), Mrs. Peacock (Marena), Mr. Body (Dave), Mr. Green (Tim), Colonel Mustard (Adam) or Professor Plum (Mark)?



The seniors: (back row) Tim Fugate, Eric Anderson, Josh Beedle, Brian Bultema, Jim Zeldenrust, and Joel Epley. (middle row) Amanda Vandersluis, Jenni Kraai, Helen DeVries, and Gina Ridge. (front row) Carla Best, Rebekah Tazelaar, Sarah Ridder, and Nicole Winkler

Mandy Van Kley, Sarah Hoek, Kate Belstra, and Shelley Lagestee await the post-dinner activities.



Mark Schuringa, also known as Professor Plum, and Jessica Wetselaar enjoy themselves prior to the murder.



T.J. Lagestee, Nicole Winkler, Gina Ridge, and Joel Epley get upset about obsessive photographers.

Graduation

On May 28, 14 seniors were promoted at Covenant Christian High School's second graduation. Brian Bultema was the class speaker, Sarah Ridder presented the class gift and Dr. Martin Essenburg was the featured speaker of the evening.

The graduates of 2004 chose to sing "Be Like You" for their class song. After the ceremony, the graduates had a chance to be congratulated in

the cafeteria and say their final good-byes as CCHS students to one another.

Everyone present, especially each member of the senior class, was very thankful that Erica Nannenga could be a part of this ceremony, in spite of her recovery following a serious car accident.

Thanks be to God for His faithfulness to this Class of 2004. May He continue to bless this Christian school and all of its graduates!

Brian Bultema speaks to the class about preparing for many journeys ahead.



Mrs. Dunton and Gina Ridge, who are all smiles, are very excited for the school year to be finished.



Erica Nannenga patiently enters the gym in the procession line.

“May the Lord direct your hearts
into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.”

II Thessalonians 3:5

In rehearsal, the seniors listen while Dr. Essenburg prepares them for the ceremony that will take place later than night.



The graduating class of 2004 poses for a last class picture.

Best Of

Best School Spirit:

Angela Hubers

Jim Zeldenrust

Most Interesting Sneeze:

Erica Nannenga

Joe Zandstra

Most Polite:

Amanda Vandersluis

Aaron Vander Molen



Most Opinionated:

Jenni Kraai and Jim Zeldenrust



Most Athletic:

Adam Johnson and Amanda Vandersluis

Loudest:

Josh Nannenga

Nicole Mulder



Best Excuses:

Tim McKenna and Amber Hubers



Best Laugh:

Dave Bykerk and Shelley Lagestee

Quips & Quotes

Your belly button, innie or outie?



innie
 outie
 combo???

Your belly button, innie or outie?

innie	55
outie	2
combo???	4

What is the funniest thing you remember from class this year?

"When I misspelled tentacles in Biology class."

-Kelli Kingma

"I hate grammar!" "Don't hate, appreciate!"

-Exchange between Brittny Jacobus and Kyle DeBoer

"Mrs. Dunton doing her impression of the shrew."

-Hannah Johnson

What is your best tardy excuse?

"I had to tie my shoe."

-Josh Nannenga

"I fell asleep under the stage."

-Amber Hubers

"I got lost and I couldn't find the classroom."

-Helen DeVries

"I'm handicapped and can't walk fast enough."

-Adam VanDerMolen

What is your motto?

"I'm marching to the tune of a different accordion."

-Kjersten Friend

"No guts no glory."

-Jim Zeldenrust

"Ice cream for all."

-Erin Long



what do you see in this inkblot?

"Three siamese camels blowing their noses."

-Dawn Van Kuiken

"Pippi Longstocking with four arms."

-Dan DeGraff

"Two alligators stuck together."

-Shelley Lagestee

What is the SCARIEST dream you've ever had (the short version)?

"The cast of 'Boy Meets World' was chasing me through the Dollar Store...and killed me with wind chimes!"

-Brittny Jacobus

"When I was eaten by a giant bumble bee."

-Chris Szafranski

"I got locked in a room by a kangaroo even though I really wasn't locked in so I was scared (it got my parents)."

-Ryan Handtke

"Midgets attacked me"

-Dave Bykerk

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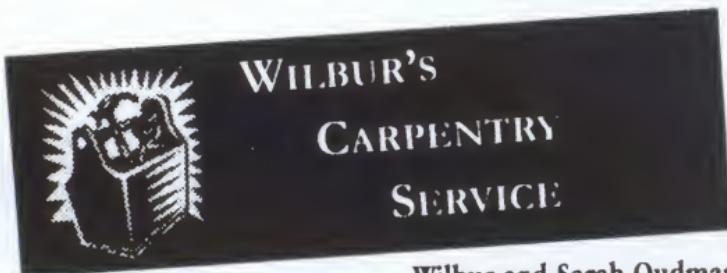


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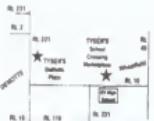
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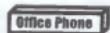


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Architect Michael Arad's design, "Reflecting Absence," is selected for the World Trade Center memorial.



Eleven Russian coal miners are rescued after being trapped 2,625 feet below ground for six days.



Astronomers discover M4, the oldest known planet, estimated to be 12.7 billion years old.



Israel: Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promises to relocate 17 Gaza Strip settlements.



Iranian Shirin Ebadi receives the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian efforts.



Nine months after she was abducted, Elizabeth Smart is found alive in Utah.



While serving in Iraq, more than 500 American troops are killed and more than 3,000 are wounded.



Californians voice disapproval of Gray Davis by voting Arnold Schwarzenegger governor in a recall election. Wife Maria Shriver resigned her seven-figure position with NBC News.



China, Taiwan and Canada are hit hardest by the deadly SARS virus. SARS killed more than 900 people and infected thousands worldwide. In an attempt to isolate the virus, breathing masks were worn, travelers were screened for symptoms and patients were quarantined.



Europeans endure one month of temperatures that soar above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The record-breaking heatwave killed more than 19,000 people, withered crops, sparked wildfires, caused power outages and melted Alpine glaciers.



WORLD NEWS



Martha Stewart is convicted on multiple charges related to her sale of ImClone stock.



The United States Federal Reserve enters a colorful \$20 bill into circulation.



The "Protect Act of 2003" urges states to administer the Amber Alert system.



Pope John Paul II celebrates his 25th anniversary as pope. Despite the debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease the 83-year-old pontiff presided over an anniversary Mass that drew tens of thousands of people to St. Peter's Square, Vatican City.



Gary Ridgway, known as the Green River killer, admits that he murdered 48 women in Washington state.



The Homeland Security Department requires armed law enforcement officers on certain international flights.



Gyude Bryant becomes the leader of Liberia's postwar government. Former leader Charles Taylor was exiled.



Three capitol buildings close for cleanup when ricin is found in Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's mailroom.



A Washington state cow is the first U.S. bovine to contract mad cow disease.



Political commentator Rush Limbaugh seeks rehab for his addiction to painkillers.



A Staten Island ferry crashes into a pier killing 10 and injuring 42 people.



Iranian conjoined twins Ladan and Laleh Bijani die following separation surgery



Mars comes within 35 million miles of earth, the closest encounter in 50,000 years



Months after the 14-year-old Galileo spacecraft is vaporized in Jupiter's atmosphere, NASA debates the risk of repairing the Hubble Space Telescope or destroying it.



Roy Horn of Siegfried & Roy is severely injured when his white tiger Montecore grabs him by the neck and drags him backstage during a Las Vegas performance



Southern California wildfires char 600,000 acres of land and thousands of homes



U.S. Customs officials begin scanning the fingerprints of foreign visitors and immigrants



WORLD EVENTS



U.S. Senator John Kerry, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, U.S. Senator John Edwards and Civil Rights Activist Al Sharpton campaign for the Democratic ticket in the 2004 Presidential Race against Republican President George W. Bush. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader also announced his candidacy as an Independent.



Americans are injected with more than 83 million flu vaccines in defense of the perilous "super flu" epidemic.



Taiwan's 1,645 foot Taipei Tower surpasses Malaysia's Petronas Towers, becoming the world's tallest building.



Following months of rebel opposition, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide is forced to flee his country.



Hurricane Isabel causes four deaths, flash flooding and massive power outages in six East Coast states.

The new Oklahoma City federal building was opened.

Canada's 3,000-year-old Ward Hunt Ice Shelf split in two.

• The remains of Laci Peterson and child were found and husband, Scott, was indicted for the murders.

• President Bush called for a lunar space station to be created by 2020.

• A magnitude 8.0 earthquake rocked Japan and forced 41,000 people to evacuate Hokkaido island.

• Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore was removed from office for refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the State Supreme Court building.

• A bird flu outbreak caused countries to ban the importation of U.S. chicken.

• The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ignited a national controversy when it ruled against a state ban on same gender marriages.

• Veteran broadcaster David Brinkley and U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond died.



Measuring 1,132 feet long, 236 feet high and valued at \$800 million, the Queen Mary II is the world's largest and most expensive passenger ship.



Kill Devil Hills, NC celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first manned and powered flight. Attempts to re-enact the flight failed because of unfavorable conditions.



Scientists debate whether a 40-foot wide, gelatinous sea specimen found on the coast of Chile is decomposing whale tissue or part of the rare Octopus Giganteus.



Air Force pilot Yang Liwei mans China's first human space mission.



More than 28,000 people die when a magnitude 6.6 earthquake rocks Bam, Iran.



Following two years of opposition, Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Foreign Minister Yashwant Sinha agree to engage in dialogues aimed at resolving their long-term dispute over the Kashmir region.



Funny man Bob Hope, dies at 100. Hope's comic career brought laughter to American citizens and troops for more than 60 years.

MOVIES

TV & FILM



"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" starring Elijah Wood and Sean Astin is this year's biggest box office hit earning more than \$925 million. "Rings" received four Golden Globes and 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture.



"Everybody Loves Raymond" collects four Emmys including Outstanding Comedy Series.



"Lost in Translation" and Bill Murray collect three Golden Globes and four Academy Award nominations.



Emmy winner and beloved star of "8 Simple Rules" John Ritter tragically dies at 54.



After two seasons, Ashton Kutcher ends his MTV practical joke series "Punk'd!"



"The Passion of the Christ" starring Jim Caviezel grosses \$117.5 million its first week.



Benjamin McKenzie stars in Fox's new hit drama series "The O.C."



"Seabiscuit" starring Tobey McGuire earns seven Academy Award nominations including Best Picture.



Johnny Depp wins a SAG award and Oscar nomination for "Pirates of the Caribbean."



Following 10 successful seasons Courteney Cox Arquette, Matthew Perry, Jennifer Aniston, David Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Lisa Kudrow bid farewell to "Friends." The hit show picked up its third People's Choice Award for Favorite Comedy Series.



Lindsay Lohan stars in the remake of Disney's classic "Freaky Friday."



In the wake of their box office hit "Finding Nemo," Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney Company end their 12-year partnership. In addition, Disney rejected a takeover bid from cable giant Comcast and agreed to purchase Jim Henson Company's Muppets.



"Master and Commander," starring Russell Crowe, earns 10 Oscar nominations.



"Joan of Arcadia" starring Amber Tamblyn is the "People's Choice" for Favorite New TV Dramatic Series.



The People" vote Tom Hanks their Favorite All-Time Entertainer.

ABC hosted a \$4 million wedding for "Bachelorette" couple Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter.

MTV and CBS were criticized following a controversial Super Bowl halftime performance by Janet Jackson.

- Other Hot Movies: "Elf," "Big Fish," "The Hulk," "Bruce Almighty," "Cold Mountain," "School of Rock," "Freddy vs. Jason," "The Matrix Revolutions," "The Last Samurai" and "American Wedding."

- Other Hot TV Shows: "CSI," "Fear Factor," "American Idol," "Survivor," "Will and Grace," "Six Feet Under" and "The Apprentice."

- Legendary entertainers Gregory Peck, Buddy Ebsen, Charles Bronson, Katharine Hepburn, "Captain Kangaroo" Bob Keeshan and "Home Improvement's" Earl Hindman died.

Music



Beyoncé Knowles wins five Grammys including Best R&B Song for "Crazy in Love" and Best Rap Collaboration with her boyfriend, rapper Jay-Z. Beyoncé also received three MTV Video Music Awards and starred in the movie "The Fighting Temptations."



Missy 'Misdemeanor' Elliott receives a Grammy and two MTV Video Music Awards for her song "Work It"



Grammy winner Johnny Cash dies at 71. During his career, Cash was featured on more than 500 albums



Britney Spears marks the year with a controversial kiss, a brief Vegas marriage and her new album "In the Zone"



Hillary Duff, star of "Lizzie McGuire," releases her first album "Metamorphosis."



Americans celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in the United States.



Kenny Chesney tops the music charts with his album "When the Sun Goes Down."



MTV's "Newlyweds: Jessica and Nick" exposes the marriage of singers Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson



OutKast's Big Boi and Andre 3000 earn three Grammy awards including Album of the Year and Best Rap Album for "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below."



The Grammy for Best New Artist goes to rock group Evanescence



Tenor Josh Groban's album "Closer" tops the Classical Billboard charts



Rapper 50 Cent collects two American Music Awards for "Get Rich or Die Trying."



Ruben Studdard outshines Clay Aiken, becoming the second American Idol



Coldplay receives three MTV Music Awards and their single "Clocks" is named Record of the Year at the Grammy Awards. Lead singer Chris Martin married actress and mom-to-be Gwyneth Paltrow.



Justin Timberlake's album "Justified" is awarded two Grammys for Best Pop Vocal Album and Best Male Pop Vocal Performance. Justin also won an American Music Award for Favorite Album-Pop or Rock and three Video Music Awards

While touring in Europe heavy Metal singer Ozzy Osbourne was seriously injured in an ATV accident.

Stroke survivor Luther Vandross won four Grammys including one for Best R&B Album and two American Music Awards.

- Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck call off their engagement ending the "Jennifer" frenzy.

- Michael Jackson is indicted on charges involving inappropriate behavior with minors.

- Prince Charles knighted Sir Mick Jagger in honor of "his services to popular music."

- Other names in music this year included Country superstar Toby Keith, 80s glam rockers The Darkness, Maroon 5, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and The Strokes.

- Notable musicians Warren Zevon, Robert Palmer, Barry White and Bobby Hatfield died.

Frends & Technology



Fast-food menus change to accommodate the rising number of low-carb dieters.



The Aquada, a new boat/car, can travel up to 30 mph in the water.



Busta Rhymes sports a trendy "throwback" jersey and retro cap.



The United States' second Mars rover, Spirit, explores the Red Planet's terrain. Following 10 days of lost contact, Spirit continued to collect data, dig for soil samples and set a one-day distance record of 70 feet.



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Physically handicapped people can now travel virtually anywhere in the Independence iBOT 3000.



Carryalls take on a fresh new look with beaded handbags, mesh backpacks and vintage cigar box purses.



High definition, flat screen televisions and DVD recorders are the new wave in home entertainment.

The first major book printed in the west, the Gutenberg Bible, was digitized and placed online for archival and educational purposes.



Millions of Americans ban telemarketers from phoning by signing the "Do Not Call List."



Powerpuff Girls, Hello Kitty and Curious George are popular cartoon characters.



Online booking companies such as Orbitz and Expedia hurt travel agency sales.



The 80s styles make a comeback along with mini skirts, trucker caps, vintage t-shirts, distressed jeans, thick leather wrist bands, stiletto heels and a fascination with the mullet.

Sports Utility Vehicles outsell mini-vans becoming the new "family car." To compete with rising gas prices and smaller cars, automobile manufacturers developed the first hybrid SUVs.



Fines are issued to hundreds of illegal downloaders of music. Media sharing websites and the popularity of MP3 players are blamed for a 31 percent drop in CD sales.



Technology

Siemens' Virtual Keyboard uses a laser projection that enables users to type on any flat surface.

MasterCard created a "swipeless" credit card that emits radio signals.

Scientists developed a weed that changes color when it is grown over a landmine.

The "MyDoom" e-mail virus infected computers worldwide by installing a worm that crashed Microsoft Windows.

Scientists in South Korea clone the first human embryos for stem cell research.

Logitech created a digital pen that captures everything written or drawn and uploads the data to a computer via a USB cradle.

Sports



The New England Patriots win Super Bowl XXXVIII in an electrifying 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers. With four seconds remaining, the Patriots scored a field goal and claimed their second championship in three years. New England quarterback Tom Brady was Super Bowl MVP.



Carmelo Anthony and the Syracuse Orangemen win the NCAA Basketball Tournament.



On the final hole, Shane Micheel claims his first win in 163 starts at the PGA Championship.



New Jersey Nets star Alonzo Mourning retires from the NBA to undergo a kidney transplant.



Laila Ali defends her IBA super middleweight title by defeating boxing great Christy Martin.



The UConn Huskies, led by Diana Taurasi, celebrate their second consecutive NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament victory after defeating the Tennessee Volunteers 73-68.



Lance Armstrong pedals to his fifth consecutive Tour De France title.



Justine Henin-Hardenne's eight tennis wins include the French and U.S. Opens.



Pro soccer team D.C. United signs a four-year deal with 14-year-old Freddy Adu.



Jose Santos rides Flamingo Cide into the Kentucky Derby winner's circle.



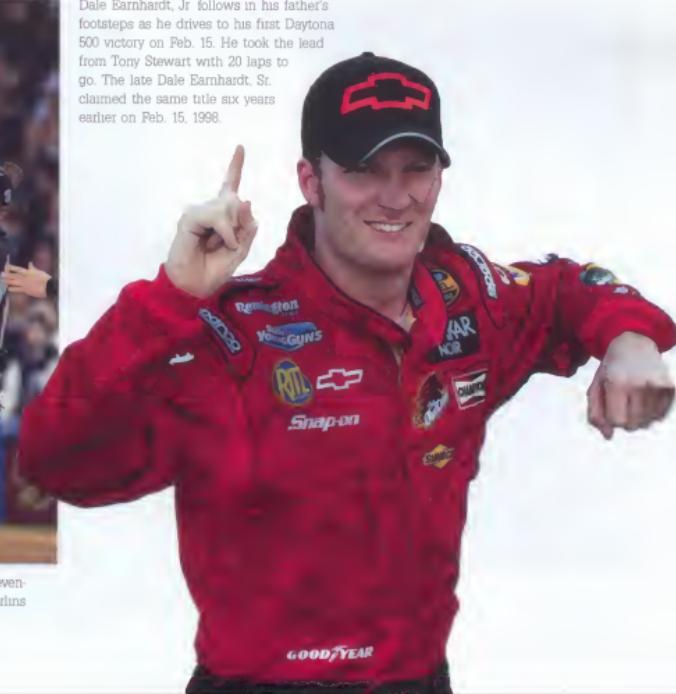
Golfer Annika Sorenstam is voted A.P. Female Athlete of the Year.



Heavyweight boxing champ Lennox Lewis retires at 38, ending a 14-year career.



The Florida Marlins win the World Series in a seven-game match up with the New York Yankees. Marlins pitcher Josh Beckett was series MVP.





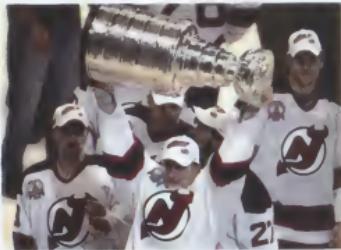
Kristine Lilly, Brandi Chastain and Mia Hamm celebrate a 3-1 U.S. victory over Canada in the FIFA Women's World Cup. The win earned the United States a Bronze Medal.



League MVP Tim Duncan leads the San Antonio Spurs to the NBA championship.



Alex Rodriguez signs with the New York Yankees and moves from shortstop to third base.



The New Jersey Devils earn their third Stanley Cup in nine seasons after defeating the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 4-3 in the seven game series.



Julie Krone becomes the first female jockey to win a Breeders' Cup race.



Andy Roddick defeats top-ranked Juan Carlos Ferrero in the U.S. Open Finals.



In the first tie since 1997, the LSU Tigers and the USC Trojans share this year's National Football Championship. The Trojans were voted No. 1 by the Associated Press, while the Tigers got the top vote in the Coaches' Poll.

Surfer Bethany Hamilton returns to competition just 10 weeks after losing her left arm in a shark attack.



• Fan favorite John Daly won his first PGA tournament in nine years at the Buick Invitational.

• Rice University claimed the College World Series title.

• Tennis great Pete Sampras retired with a record 14 Grand Slam titles.

• In game four of the National League Championship Series, Chicago Cubs fan Steve Bartman deflected a foul ball as left fielder Moises Alou attempted the catch. Irate fans blamed Bartman for the Cubs' loss.

• Chicago Cub Sammy Sosa was ejected when an umpire discovered he was using an illegal bat.

• Wakeboarding phenom Dallas Friday, 16, wins a Summer X-Games Gold Medal.

• Tug McGraw, pitcher for the "Miracle Mets" and Phillies, died at 59. He was the father of country music star Tim McGraw.

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